

WE HAVE THE HOUSE.

And the Republicans Run the Rump  
in a Second Story  
Room.

The Democrats Show Their Determination to Do What Is Right.

**The House Organized by the Democrats  
but no Republicans Barred  
Out.**

The house of representatives of the first legislative body of the state of Montana convened at noon yesterday in the circuit court chamber at the house. A quorum of twenty-eight members was present at the opening of the session.

The trouble anticipated by some did not occur. Beyond the unusual interest attending the assembling of the first legislative house, there was no excitement more than a general discussion over the events leading up to the day. There was a general feeling of good natured satisfaction over the result of the controversy. The democrats were jubilant over their victory in securing the organization of the house and the republicans present seemed to feel that the plans of their conspirators had suddenly col-

The corridors of the court house began filling up with spectators at an early hour. The representatives had gathered in the hall several hours before the session was called, but the doors were locked and no one was permitted to enter until noon. In Governor Toole's rooms, which were open during the morning, an informal reception was held. The governor was kept busy shaking hands with his friends and receiving congratulations on his proclamation of Friday. The

offices of the state officers were open and the republicans and democrats alike dropped in to pay their respects to the various officials. The republican senators were around the corridors, waiting for the senate room to open. There was plenty of good natured chaff among the politicians of both sides, no signs of the contest appearing in the intercourse between them. All of the leading democrats in town were at the court house. Col. Broadwater was one of the earlier arrivals, who chatted with the governor until the proceedings upstairs demanded atten-

tion. Ex-Governor Hauser was on the scene with Hon. W. A. Clark, of Butte. Major Maginnis was an interested spectator. Col. Sam Word and many prominent democrats of Helena were present, including ex-Auditor Sullivan, Hon. R. B. Smith, Judge McConnell, Col. Curtis, Judge Bach, A. J. Davidson, D. A. G. Flowerce, W. B. Raleigh, Major Davenport, Judge Canfield and W. G. Preuitt. Hon. George Washington Stapleton and Captain Brannan were there from Butte, Hon. Walter Cooper and Editor Yerkes of Bozeman; Editor

Jerry Collins, Hon. Patsy Gibson and T. E. Collins, of Great Falls. Hon. W. M. Bickford, of Missoula, were there, while the Chouteau county democracy was well represented by David G. Browne, Editor W. H. Todd and Col. C. E. Brown. The invited guests, of course, were present, and among the names there were many well known democrats present. They were scattered about in groups exchanging pleasantries, political and otherwise. As the noon hour drew near the crowd increased. The north door of the circuit court room was locked and at the southern end a guard was stationed to keep the gathering people back. While every

The hurrying form of Tom Power, who was remembered as a candidate for gubernatorial honors, came rushing through the democratic throng, toward the representatives' room. He grasped the door knob firmly but gently and tried to force his way through the heavy oaken door. When the crowd gave him the laugh his diminutive form rose up and his squeaky voice announced: "I just thought I'd see if it was locked." Again the laugh came forth and the little crowd here laughed away.

At 12 o'clock the galleries were opened and the crowd rushed up stairs. In another minute the visitors' seats were packed with people. The front row of seats were filled with interested lady visitors.

On the floor of the house business was at once commenced. The representatives took their seats. C. P. Blakely, the oldest representative present, called the house to

order and asked for the roll call, which was read by Representative H. L. Frank, of Silver Bow. There being twenty-eight representatives present, the presiding officer announced the house of representatives of the first legislative body of the state of Montana open and ready for business. Mr. Blakely's strong voice had hardly ceased before a roof-raising cheer went from the

gallery and house. It was fully five minutes before the three hundred spectators ceased hurrahing. On the floor the members joined in the applause by clapping their hands and cheering over the democratic organization of the house. When this little excitement was over the house resumed business. On motion of Mr. Frank the credentials were presented and the representatives sworn in by County Attorneys

The oath having been subscribed, the temporary organization of the house was proceeded with. On motion of Mr. Frank Mr. Biakely was elected temporary speaker, Charles Z. Pond, of Jefferson, was chosen temporary chief clerk, Miles Finlen, of Butte, was elected temporary sergeant-at-arms, and Sam Alexander, of Helena, was

On motion of Mr. Frank the chair appointed Messrs. Frank, Toole, Whaley, Wallace and McElwee as a committee on credentials. After a short retirement the committee reported a list which was read by the clerk. The only democratic absentee was R. G. Humber, of Deer Lodge. The report was adopted and the committee continued.

The speaker then instructed the clerk to read the following communication from the governor to Capt. Smith:

Capt. John Smith, in charge of House of Representatives, Sir: At 12 o'clock noon, to day, you will open the doors to the house of representatives and admit no person to the floor except persons claiming to be members of that body. When notified by

any member whom you have admitted that the house of representatives has temporarily organized, you will turn over your keys to such person as the house may designate. If the auditor of the state appears at the door before you are relieved by the person designated by the house of representatives, you will admit him to the floor of the house. When you are relieved by such person your employment ceases.

This letter clearly shows that it was at no time the intention of the governor to have admission to the house refused to the auditor or to the republicans claiming membership to the house. The republican representatives were as free to go on the floor of the house as democrats. The claimants to seats were not refused admission. That

A recess was then taken until 2 o'clock. After the session was concluded the interest in the legislature, so far as the crowd was concerned, was gone. Everyone felt that the question of the control of the house was settled. The contest had settled down into the dry humdrum of business and the democrats were on top. The re-

Cascade—E. D. Hastie, Charles Lochray  
Choteau—J. M. Boardman, Samuel  
Mitchell.  
Custer—Hugh Moran, C. H. Lond.  
Dawson and Cascade—Martin Newcomer  
Deer Lodge—John M. Blair.  
Fergus—John D. Waite.  
Lewis and Clarke—A. C. Cory, John  
Horsky, R. H. Howey, A. M. Holter.  
Madison—Fayette Harrington.  
Menger—E. H. Goodman.  
Missoula—T. L. Greenough, J. T. Phillips.  
W. H. Hargis, A. S. Blake.  
Park—Chas. H. Eaton, Chas. H. Eaton.  
Silver Bow—J. H. Monteath, H. F. Hoff-  
man, R. P. Dolman, Wm. Thompson, A. F.  
Bray, W. H. Roberts.  
Yellowstone—W. H. Norton.

the now almost chilled members, for the stove was small and did not throw out much heat.

Dr. Taylor, of Great Falls, Cap  
regent: W. M. Charles B. Gibbs, a  
Frank C. Allen, Jr., of Helena, chairman.  
The page made a little speech of thank  
ber, whose patience was becoming ex  
haunted, moved that when the house adj  
Thursday.  
Harrington, of Madison, moved that the  
speaker appoint two committees of three  
members each, one to wait on the govern  
ment and the other to wait on the senate  
until 3 p. m., which was put  
adjourned until 3 p. m.  
A quorum was present at 3 o'clock. T  
first thing done was to adopt a resolutio  
offered by Dohann, of Silver Flow, thanki  
the "cotton states" for their support.  
The watchman was instructed to fire u  
"The clock back here, said the speaker  
pointing at the bare white walls.  
The committee appointed to wait on the senate report

The lieutenant governor, Roberts, of Silver Bow, thought such action would be considered unwelcome and that the committee was organized or not. That's for the committee to find out."

Harrington withdrew his suggestion, at which time the announced committee members were: Toole, governor, of Lewis and Clarke, Boardman, of Chouteau, Harrington, of Madison. To wait on the committee were Lord, of Custer, Hestie, of Cascade, and Thompson, of Yellowstone.

The rules of the last house of representatives of the territory were adopted, until a committee on rules is appointed. A conference with the senate was moved but was withdrawn immediately.

The speaker then instructed the committee to wait on the governor and a recess was taken. The committee on rules committee spent the thirty minutes looking for Toole. Toole, came back and reported that the speaker had tried to find him but that he was not in the house. They had heard that he was in the hotel Brown and would be at his office Monday morning.

The committee to wait on the senate reported that the senate was not in session.

**WOOD GOES TO JAIL.**  
A Notorious Man in Ohio Politics in  
Serious Trouble.  
CINCINNATI, Nov. 23.—R. G. Wood, who  
recently obtained national notoriety by his  
alleged connection with the farmers' revolt

John Sherman, S. S. Cox, W. C. H. Breckenridge, Chas. S. McCaboe, R. McPherson, J. R. Whiting and F. H. Stockbridge, all members or ex-members of the United States house or senate, is that he counterfeited their names to forge contracts, which forgery Wood committed with malicious intent to disgrace these men and damage them in the eyes of the

tion by leading people to believe there was a corrupt scheme to make money by violating the laws of the United States by being peculiarly interested in the passage of a ballot box bill pending before congress. Wood's bail was fixed at \$1,000,000 but he failed to obtain the bail. He protests his innocence.

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**The Fate of a Fland.**

PETERSBURG, Va., Nov. 23.—Bland, the negro who assaulted the daughter of Dr. Lee, was taken from jail this morning and lynched.

Henry King, the colored jailor, resisted the attempt to allow him to give up the prisoner to the lynch mob, but the rush was too great for him.

**Millions for the Chippewas.**  
WASHINGTON, Nov. 23.—The Chippewa In-

Using Corn for Fuel.  
HIAWATHA, KAN., Nov. 23.—The farmers of this vicinity are burning corn for fuel, finding it cheaper than coal.

An inquiry as to the sanity of Justice M. T. Williams, of Horrville, Mont., will be held before District Judge Henry, Monday at the request of his wife.